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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Gates pledges Rs. 2000 crores investment` appearing in the Times of India dated November 13, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a),(b) and (c): As per the news-item, Mr. Gates has announced investment mainly in IT education, teachers training, develop IT curricula, etc., and ties with India`s top IT companies.

Department of Information Technology has received no formal proposal from Microsoft in this regard.